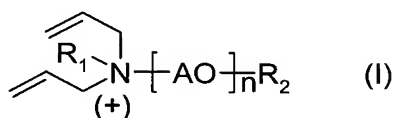


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The polymer of as claimed in claim 1 25, wherein monomer A is at least one compound of the formula I



where

AO is a C₁-C₁₂-alkylene oxide, styrene oxide or a mixture of two or more types thereof, it being possible for the two or more types to be attached to one another in block form or in random form,

n is an integer from 2 to 200

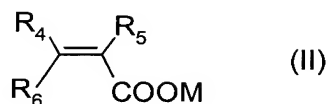
R₁ is hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₅-C₁₀-cycloalkyl or an unsubstituted or substituted benzyl radical and

R₂ is hydrogen, C₁-C₃₀-alkyl, C₅-C₈-cycloalkyl, C₆-C₂₀-aryl, C₁-C₃₀-alkanoyl, C₇-C₂₁-aroyl, a sulfuric(mono) ester, a phosphoric ester, NR'R'' or NR'R''R''',³⁺ and

R', R'' and R''', in each case independently of one another, may be identical or different and are hydrogen, a straight-chain or branched C₁-C₂₀-alkyl radical or a straight-chain or branched C₁-C₂₀-hydroxyalkyl radical,

~~is used as monomer A.~~

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The polymer of as claimed in claim 1 25, wherein monomer B is at least one compound of the formula II or the anhydrides thereof



where

R₄ and R₅, independently of one another, may be either identical or different and are hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl,

R₆ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl or a COOM group and

M is hydrogen, a monovalent or divalent metal ion, ammonium or an organic ammonium ion;

~~is or are used as monomer B.~~

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as claimed in claim 1 ~~25~~, wherein the molar ratio of ~~the monomers~~ monomer A to ~~the monomers~~ monomer B is from ~~1 : 2 to 1 : 5~~ 1 : 1 to 2 : 5.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as claimed in claim 1 ~~25~~, wherein the weight average molecular weight M_w of the ~~polymers~~ polymer is from 1000 to 100,000.

Claim 7 ((Currently Amended): The polymer of as claimed in claim 1 ~~25~~, which has a K value of from 20 to 50.

Claims 8-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A mineral building material comprising cement, water, at least one polymer of as-claimed-in-claim 1 ~~25~~, and at least one additive.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as-claimed-in-claim 2, wherein the molar ratio of ~~the monomers~~ monomer A to ~~the monomers~~ monomer B is from ~~1 : 1 to 1 : 6~~ 1 : 2 to 2 : 5.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as-claimed-in-claim 3, wherein the molar ratio of ~~the monomers~~ monomer A to ~~the monomers~~ monomer B is from ~~1 : 1 to 1 : 6~~ 1 : 2 to 2 : 5.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as-claimed-in-claim 2, wherein the molar ratio of ~~the monomers~~ monomer A to ~~the monomers~~ monomer B is from 1 : 2 to 1 : 5.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as-claimed-in-claim 3, wherein the molar ratio of ~~the monomers~~ monomer A to ~~the monomers~~ monomer B is from 1 : 2 to 1 : 5.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as-claimed-in-claim 2, wherein the weight average molecular weight M_w of the ~~polymers~~ polymer is from 1000 to 100,000.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as-claimed-in-claim 3, wherein the weight average molecular weight M_w of the ~~polymers~~ polymer is from 1000 to 100,000.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as-claimed-in-claim 4, wherein the weight average molecular weight M_w of the ~~polymers~~ polymer is from 1000 to 100,000.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as claimed in claim 5, wherein the weight average molecular weight M_w of the ~~polymers~~ polymer is from 1000 to 100,000.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as claimed in claim 2, which has a K value of from 20 to 50.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as claimed in claim 3, which has a K value of from 20 to 50.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The polymer of as claimed in claim 4, which has a K value of from 20 to 50.

Claim 25 (New): A water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer, wherein the polymer is obtained by free radical polymerization of a monomer composition comprising monomer A, monomer B, and optionally, monomer C; wherein the mole ratio of monomer A to monomer B is 1 : 1 to 1 : 6; and

- (a) monomer A is at least one alkoxyated diallylamine,
- (b) monomer B is at least one ethylenically unsaturated mono- or dicarboxylic acid, anhydride thereof, or mixtures thereof, and
- (c) monomer C is one or more additional ethylenically unsaturated monomers.

Claim 26 (New): The polymer of claim 25, wherein the mole ratio of monomer A to monomer B is 1 : 2 to 2 : 5; monomer A is at least one alkoxyated diallylamine; monomer B

is at least one ethylenically unsaturated mono- or dicarboxylic acid, anhydride thereof, or mixtures thereof; and monomer C is excluded from the monomer composition.

Claim 27 (New): A mineral building material comprising cement, water, and at least one polymer of claim 5.

Claim 28 (New): A mineral building material comprising cement, water, and at least one polymer of claim 14.